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REF: DEPTEL 213960 DATED SEPTEMBER 27 RECEIVED EDINBURGH  
OCTOBER 1.

1. 1. NORTH SEA OIL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM CENTER IN INVERNESS,  
NOT RPT NOT ABERDEEN. HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD (HIDB) CAN PROVIDE FULL BRIEFING ON MAJOR SCOTTISH  
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE, PARTICULARLY PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION SITES  
AT MIGG AND ARDESIER, WHERE TWO MAJOR U.S. COMPANIES (BROWN  
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AND ROOT AND McDERMOTT) ARE WORKING. SIR ANDREW GILCHRIST,

CHAIRMAN, HIDB, WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE MR BUSTERUD AND EXPERTS WILL BRIEF HIM ON ORKNEYS, SHETLAND, AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. ARRANGEMENTS TO VISIT CONSTRUCTION SITE AT ARDESIER ARE EASY, BUT IF LESS THAN ONE FULL DAY DESIRED IN INVERNESS, COMPANY HELICOPTER WOULD BE NEEDED FOR MIGG VISIT. THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH BROWN AND ROOT OFFICE LONDON.

2. ABERDEEN, PETERHEAD AND CRUDEN BAY HAVE LITTLE OF ENVIRONEMTANTAL INTEREST EXCEPT CROWDED WARVES, HOUSES AND HOTELS. HOWEVER, MR BUSTERUD COULD USEFULLY DISCUSS OVERALL NORTH SEA OIL DEVELOPMENT WITH INDIVIDUAL BANKERS (ED REID OF CLYDESDALE), NORTH EAST SCOTLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JOHN HUTTON), OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE. PETERHEAD AND CRUDEN BAY WOULD PROBABLY BE WASTE OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS TIME (ONLY A WAREHOUSE AND SMALL DOCK EXIST AT CRUDEN BAY).

3. OVERFLIGHT IS DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE, PARTICULARLY IN THIS WEATHER BUT IF SUMS AVILABLE FOR CHARTER, PLEASE SO INFORM. WORKING LEVEL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCATION ARE RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH SPATE OF VIPS, BUT LONDON HEADQUARTERS OF COMPANIES MIGHT CONCEIVABLY LAY ON SPECIAL AIRCRAFT.

4. RECOMMENDED ITINERARY: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9. DEPART LONDON 0845 BE FLIGHT 8508. ARRIVE INVERNESS 1050. VISIT TO MIGG AND/OR ARDESIER SITE BY CAR OR CHOPER. BRIEFING OF HIGHLANDS AND ISLAND DEVELOPMENT BOARD EITHER DEPART INVERNESS 1620 LOGANAIR, ARRIVE ABERDEEN 1715 OR REMAIN OVERNIGHT INVERNESS AND DEPART THURSDAY 0925 ARRIVE ABERDEEN 1000.

5. THURSDAY OCT 10. DISCUSSIONS WITH NESDA BANKS AND COMPANIES. VISIT OIL FACILITIES AS DESIRED OR AS POSSIBLE. DEPART ABERDEEN 1725 BE FLIGHT 8199. ARRIVE EDINBURGH 1805.

6. FRIDAY OCTOBER 11. DEPART EDINBURGH 0845 BE FLIGHT 5665. ARRIVE LONDON 0955.

7. LONDON EMBASSY IS REQUESTED HANDLE TICKET PURCHASE AND ANY SPECIAL FLIGHTS TO OIL FACILITIES. CONSULATE GENERAL HAS MADE PLANE AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS. INVERNESS HAS BEEN GIVEN PRIORITY UNCLASSIFIED

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AS CASE OF WEATHER BREAKDOWN. MAJOR PROBLEMS SCOTLAND ARE DISTANCES INVOLVED, SHORTAGE OF TIME, WEATHER RISK, OVERCROWDED AIRLINES AND HOTEL FACILITIES AND THE FACT THAT TOP LOCAL OFFICIALS WILL BE IN LONDON AT OIL EXHIBITION AT TIME OF VISIT.  
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